

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 21

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.R.  
No. 21 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
PROMOTE AWARENESS AND SAFETY OF BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED  
PEDESTRIANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the  
Department of Transportation to promote driver awareness of blind  
and visually impaired pedestrians, including placing awareness  
posters in public facilities, purchasing radio and television  
advertisements, and installing street signs in areas of high  
pedestrian use by blind and visually impaired individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Transportation, State Council on  
Developmental Disabilities, and Disability and Communication  
Access Board.

Your Committee finds that blind and visually impaired  
individuals must take additional precautions when crossing  
streets, particularly due to their inability to see vehicles.  
Blind and visually impaired individuals often rely on their sense  
of hearing to determine when it is safe to cross a street.  
Electric and hybrid vehicles often make very little noise when  
driving at low speeds and blind and visually impaired individuals  
have complained that it is difficult to determine if an electric  
or hybrid vehicle nearby prevents the safe crossing of a street.



Your Committee has amended this measure on the recommendation of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities by:

- (1) Amending language to read "individuals who are blind and visually impaired" rather than "blind or visually impaired individuals"; and
- (2) Adding the Chair of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and Executive Director of the Disability and Communications Access Board to the persons to receive a certified copy; and
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 21, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 21, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation,

*Clarence K. Nishihara*

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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	7			2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 5px;">Breene Hunt</div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 2px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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